



*Annual Reports*  
OF THE TOWN OF  
**ATKINSON**  
*New Hampshire*

FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31  
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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Town of Atkinson, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

# 1954

TOGETHER WITH REPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1954 AND VITAL  
STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1954



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## TOWN OFFICERS

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### *Moderator*

Harry B. Tuttle

### *Board of Selectmen*

Warren E. Kolb	Term Expires 1957
Ernest R. Scott	Term Expires 1956
George W. White	Term Expires 1955

### *Town Clerk and Town Treasurer*

Ruth L. Sawyer

### *Tax Collector*

Harry B. Tuttle

### *Ballot Inspectors*

Annie S. Nason	Etta L. Nye
Flora Currier	Gladys G. Wood

### *Supervisors of the Check List*

Mildred V. Illsley	Allister F. MacDonald
Ethlyn McKenna	

### *Constable*

Wilbur R. Moody

### *Police Officers*

Wilbur R. Moody, Chief of Police

Wilbur R. Moody (Dog Officer)	Harry B. Tuttle
Frederick F. Bishop	Wilfred C. Senter
Walter S. Brock	Malcolm C. Noyes

Warren E. Kolb

### *Special Police*

Ruth L. Sawyer  
Robert S. Hotchkiss

## ANNUAL REPORT

*Highway Agent*

Daniel Stewart

*Sexton*

Daniel Stewart

*Trustees of Trust Funds*

Gladys N. James	Term Expires 1957
Arthur H. Sawyer	Term Expires 1956
Benjamin O. Wood	Term Expires 1955

*Library Trustees*

Florence Scott	Term Expires 1957
Anita Hamilton	Term Expires 1956
Marjorie Barnum	Term Expires 1955

*Auditors*

Gladys R. Dyke	Philo A. Hutcheson
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*Health Officer*

L. Ruth Gould, R.N.

*Memorial Day Committee*

Kenneth H. Hurteau	George E. Rollins
Malcolm C. Noyes	George W. White

*Surveyors of Wood and Lumber*

Martin M. Feuer	Warren E. Kolb
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*Fence Viewers*

Leslie H. Rockwell	Henry L. Nye
George H. Mason	

*Atkinson Fire Department*

To Report a Fire Dial 2-8440

*Administrative*

George E. Rollins	President
Donald H. Nye	Vice President
Malcolm C. Noyes	Secretary
Austin B. Wason	Treasurer

*Executive*

Wilbur R. Moody	Chief
Austin B. Wason	Deputy Chief
Kenneth H. Hurteau	Captain
Leroy D. Barnum	First Lieutenant
Warren E. Kolb	Second Lieutenant
Kenneth H. Hurteau	Maintenance Supervisor

## MEMBERS

Robert H. Bailey	Malcolm C. Noyes
LeRoy D. Barnum	Donald H. Nye
Robert A. Griffin	Earl F. Pratt
Kingdon H. Hamilton	Elgin E. Reynolds
Robert S. Hotchkiss	Howard M. Richards, Jr.
Kenneth H. Hurteau	David J. Rockwell
Clarence W. Kinney	George E. Rollins
Warren E. Kolb	Wilfred C. Senter
William B. Little	Daniel W. Stewart
Allister F. MacDonald	Halbert K. Swift
Hubbard McEwen	Bernard A. Toshach
Wilbur R. Moody	Austin B. Wason

Richard G. Wood

## TOWN OF ATKINSON

## TOWN WARRANT

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Grange Hall in said Atkinson on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at one o'clock in the afternoon and close not earlier than seven P. M.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 (six hundred dollars) for rent of the Grange Hall for use of Town and School purposes, also for community, recreational and educational meetings to be held under the following conditions for the ensuing year: (a) no meeting to be over 4 hours duration; (b) meetings not to exceed 3 per month, except under special circumstances; (c) paid entertainment sponsored by the aforesaid groups to be charged for at the rate of \$6.50 (six dollars and fifty cents) per meeting to be paid for by the groups, to the Atkinson Grange Hall Committee; (d) all arrangements for meetings to be approved by the Selectmen and the Hall Janitor; (e) the meetings to be properly chaperoned.

4. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars) to renew fire and liability insurance on the Academy Building.

5. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) to pay Note No. 1 on Fire Truck.



6. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.28 (one hundred fifty dollars and twenty-eight cents) to pay premium on fire insurance policy on Library and equipment.

7. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$39.20 (thirty-nine dollars and twenty cents) to pay premium on extended coverage insurance policy on Library and equipment.

8. To see if the Town will vote to request the State Tax Commission to re-appraise improved lands and buildings in order to equalize assessments thereof on a proportionate basis, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred dollars) for this purpose.

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as the Town will need in anticipation of Taxes.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) to cut brush.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to distribute blank inventories at the time they examine and appraise the property to be taxed.

12. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) which includes the amount required by law for the Kimball Public Library.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$7,000.00 (seven thousand dollars) for the purpose of making improvements to the following Class V roads within the Town. Providence Hill Road from tar road at Radulski's to Salem line and gravel Sawyer Ave. from Route 121 to end of construction of Meditation Lane. Such sums to be raised through issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 83, Laws of 1951, as amended by Chapter 31, Laws of 1953, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$181.47 (one hundred eighty-one dollars and forty-seven cents) in order to receive \$1,209.78 (one thousand two hundred nine dollars and seventy-eight cents) for Town Road Aid.

15. To see if the voters will pass on a law to prohibit any elected official doing other work as a contractor for the Town without proper authority.

16. To see if the voters of Atkinson want an equal tax assessment for all property owners even if it means having the property in the Town reassessed by the State Assessors.

17. To see if the voters of the Town will undo the injustice done to an illustrious native of the Town and change the name of Meditation Lane back to Dow Avenue in honor of the only Townsman to win the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry.

18. To see if the Town will grant permission to the Atkinson Garden Club to remove, at the expense of the Club, the Maple Tree located near the center of the Town Common at the junction of Main Street and Academy Avenue. The purpose of removal to be to facilitate a plan for beautification of the Common.

19. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town posted so that nobody shall be entitled to hunt within the Town without permission of the property owners.

20. If the above article is adopted to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) to purchase 14 (fourteen) posts and signs to be erected at all Town lines.

21. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Treasurer not to pay salaries in advance.

(By request of the Auditors)

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) to be used for the improvement of the interior of the Academy Building. The money

to be expended under the supervision of a committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

23. To see what action the voters of the Town wish to take in authorizing the Selectmen to have printed in the Annual Reports of the Town all articles of the warrants for the three (3) preceding years.

24. To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees, act on same and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Business meeting will be adjourned until Saturday evening, March 12th, 1955 at 8 o'clock P. M.

Given under our hands and seal, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

GEORGE W. WHITE,  
ERNEST R. SCOTT,  
WARREN E. KOLB,

*Selectmen of Atkinson.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE W. WHITE,  
ERNEST R. SCOTT,  
WARREN E. KOLB,

*Selectmen of Atkinson.*

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H.

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Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$800.00	\$1,168.68	\$800.00
Railroad Tax	4.00	5.94	4.00
Savings Bank Tax	12.00	3.59	5.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		61.75	
Head Tax Refund		8.38	
Social Security		4.65	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	250.00	396.00	250.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	40.00	16.55	40.00
Fire Damage		50.15	
Yield Tax	200.00	124.62	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,200.00	2,518.85	1,500.00
Telephone Toll		6.10	
Revolver Permits	3.00	4.50	3.00
Refund—Insurance Town Employees		108.60	
Credit—Haverhill National Bank		4.75	
Filing Fees		7.00	
Bicycle Permits		27.50	
Angle Pond Fire Dept.		550.00	

## TOWN OF ATKINSON

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Pine Blister Rust				.70
Pressey Estate				260.99
Amount Raised by Issue of				
Bonds or Notes				6,000.00
Anticipation of Taxes				2,487.36
From Local Taxes Other Than				
Property Taxes:				
Poll Taxes	450.00	520.00	500.00	
Total Revenues From All Sources				
Except Property Taxes	\$2,959.00	\$14,336.66	\$3,302.00	
Total Revenues				\$3,302.00

## PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Exp'ditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Exp'ditures Ensuing Year 1955
General Government:			
Election and Registration			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500.00	\$1,444.80	\$1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	900.00	1,244.18	900.00
Election and Registration Expenses	200.00	103.00	100.00
Selectmen's Special	300.00	335.09	300.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Buildings	400.00	400.00	600.00
Insurance Atkinson Academy		173.96	180.00
Social Security	50.00	81.74	90.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	350.00	396.25	400.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	983.81	1,500.00
Fire Truck		7,207.85	
Spraying	250.00	250.00	300.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust, Care of Trees	400.00	400.00	
Forest Fires	150.00	82.81	150.00
Dog Officer	35.00	35.00	35.00
Bounties		.50	
Health:			
Health Department including Hospitals	25.00		25.00
Vital Statistics	35.00	16.33	35.00
Remove Dutch Elm Disease	200.00	50.00	200.00
Town Dump	400.00	273.87	400.00

## Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance—Summer	1,000.00	832.04	1,200.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00	1,519.64	2,000.00
Street Lighting	850.00	825.53	850.00

## General Expenses of Highway

Department	250.00	270.21	250.00
Cutting Brush	300.00	341.76	
Town Road Aid	180.44	180.44	181.47
Insurance—Town Employees	200.00	173.96	200.00

Libraries	500.00	500.00	500.00
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## Public Welfare:

Town Poor	1,500.00	1,712.10	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	1,648.53	2,000.00

## Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans Associations	200.00	200.00	200.00
Veterans Markers		130.63	
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	50.00	17.72	50.00

## Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds	20.00	19.60	50.00
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## Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	400.00	377.01	400.00
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## Unclassified:

Damage and Legal Expenses including Dog Damage	50.00	59.25	50.00
Abatements refunded		1.55	
Auto permits (Adjustment)		8.65	

## Interest:

On Long Term Notes and Bonds	25.00	25.00	120.00
Anticipation of Taxes		2,500.00	

## Highways and Bridges:

Resurface Tar Roads	3,000.00	2,855.66	3,000.00
Gravel Roads	200.00	184.70	

Repairing Rails and Culverts	100.00	90.88	
Repairing Road Signs	30.00	31.25	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(a) Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
(b) Head Tax		1,491.50	
(c) Tax Sale		2,026.25	
Hurricane Emergency		1,675.83	
Payments to Other Governmental			
Divisions:			
County Taxes	2,200.00	2,259.23	
School Taxes	25,369.87	11,788.77	
Total Expenditures	\$47,620.31	\$48,226.88	\$21,266.47



## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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During the year 1954 the Fire Department answered ten fire calls. Seven of these were for grass and brush fires; one chimney fire and two out of town fires.

Four hundred and fifty feet of new hose and a new two and one-half inch nozzle for use on the new truck was purchased.

The new fire truck arrived on October 27, 1954, and after schooling of the pump by the manufacturer, it was put into commission. A demonstration will be given at a future date so that the townspeople may see the new truck in operation.

The Board of Engineers and I wish to thank the townspeople for their interest and cooperation during the year 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR R. MOODY,

*Chief of the Board of Engineers.*

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## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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During the year 1954 the Police Department received sixty-three complaints of various descriptions.

Motor vehicle violations were prosecuted in Plaistow Municipal Court.

I would like to thank the parents at this time for their cooperation at Hallowe'en.

The juvenile record for the year 1954 showed an increase over the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR R. MOODY,

*Chief.*

## VALUATION

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Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$907,910.00
Electric Plants	34,204.00
Horses, Asses and Mules (22)	1,300.00
Cows (164)	20,500.00
Other Neat Stock (24)	1,800.00
Sheep and Goats (5)	60.00
Fowl (4,585)	5,786.00
Fur Bearing Animals (5)	1,000.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	1,061.00
Stock in Trade	75.00
Boats and Launches	900.00
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Total Gross Valuation	\$974,596.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	46,500.00
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$928,096.00

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

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Atkinson Academy	\$5,000.00
Hall Equipment	80.00
Library, Land and Buildings	7,000.00
Police Department	20.00
Library Equipment	2,000.00
Fire Department: Land and Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	8,000.00
Highway Equipment	1,000.00
Cemeteries	2,000.00

*Property Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds*

Clara J. Hall, 1 Acre, Pope Road	\$5.00
Arthur Cote, Town Property	20.00

## APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1954

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	900.00
Election and Registration Expenses	200.00
Social Security	50.00
Selectmen's Special	300.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	400.00
Dog Officer	35.00
Police Department	350.00
Fire Department \$1,000.00—Forest Fires \$150.00	1,150.00
Fire Truck	7,500.00
Blister Rust (\$400.00)—Moth Extermination	
Spraying (\$250.00)	650.00
Health Department	25.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	400.00
Vital Statistics	35.00
Town Road Aid	180.44
Town Maintenance—Summer	800.00
Cutting Brush	300.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00
Repairing Culverts and Guard Rails	100.00
Gravel Roads	200.00
General Expense of Highway Department	200.00
Remove Deceased Elms	200.00
Resurface Tarred Roads	3,000.00
Insurance—Highway Employees	200.00
Insurance—Atkinson Academy	150.00
Repainting Road Signs	30.00
Street Lighting	850.00
Libraries	500.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00
Town Poor	1,500.00
Soldiers' Aid	50.00
Memorial Day (\$200.00)—Veterans Markers	
(\$150.00)	350.00

## TOWN OF ATKINSON

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Parks and Playgrounds	20.00
Cemeteries	400.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,000.00
Interest	25.00
County Tax	2,200.00
School Tax	11,788.77

Total Town and School Appropriations	\$41,589.21
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:	
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$1,165.94
Railroad Tax	4.98
Savings Bank Tax	3.59
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,800.00
Dog Licenses	250.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	22.50
Int. on Taxes and Income from Trust Funds	40.00
Cash Surplus	3,000.00
Yield Tax	200.00
Business License Permits	3.00

Total Revenues and Credits	\$6,490.01
Plus Overlay	923.90

Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$42,332.32
Less: 284 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	568.00

Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	\$41,764.32
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## TAXES TO BE COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:

Property Taxes	\$41,764.32
Poll Taxes	568.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	\$42,332.32

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### *Liabilities*

Due Atkinson School District from Appropriation	\$19,538.16
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### *Outstanding Notes*

No. 4 Due Oct. 25, 1955—Fire Truck \$1,000 each	
No. 5 Due Oct. 25, 1956	
No. 6 Due Oct. 25, 1957	
No. 7 Due Oct. 25, 1958	
No. 8 Due Oct. 25, 1959	
No. 9 Due Oct. 25, 1960	6,000.00

	\$25,538.16
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	625.21
Total	\$26,163.37

### *Assets*

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954	\$23,154.66
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Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy 1954	\$2,026.25	
Levy 1953	346.51	
Levy 1952	29.80	
		\$2,402.56

Uncollected:

Levy 1954	\$409.15	
Levy 1953	42.00	
Levy 1952	50.00	
		\$501.15

State Head Tax:

Levy 1954	\$85.00	
Previous Years	20.00	
		\$105.00

Total	\$26,163.37
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Respectfully submitted,

RUTH L. SAWYER,

*Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF HARRY B. TUTTLE TAX COLLECTOR

### Dr.

Levy of 1954:

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$41,737.11
Poll Taxes	568.00
Yield Taxes	50.35

Total Warrant	\$42,355.46
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	27.00
Poll Taxes	8.00
Interest Collected	15.25
Summons Collected	19.60

Total Debits	\$42,425.31
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### Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$40,661.55
Poll Taxes	520.00
Yield Taxes	35.02
Interest Collected	15.25
Summons Collected	19.60
Discount Allowed	432.99
Abatements—Property Taxes	303.75
Poll Taxes	28.00

Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1954:

Property Taxes	365.82
Poll Taxes	28.00
Yield Taxes	15.33
Total Credits	\$42,425.31

## Dr.

Levy of 1953:

Uncollected Taxes, Jan. 1, 1954:

Property Taxes	\$293.00
Poll Taxes	44.00

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 \$337.00

Interest Collected during year	1.30
Summons Collected	2.60
Added Poll Tax	2.00

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 Total Debits \$342.90

## Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$257.00
Poll Taxes	28.00
Interest Collected	1.30
Summons Collected	2.60
Abatements	12.00

Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1954:

Property Taxes	36.00
Poll Taxes	6.00

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 Total Credits \$342.90

## Dr.

Levy of 1952:

Uncollected Taxes, Jan. 1, 1954

Added Taxes during year	\$111.60
Interest Collected	2.00
	2.90

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 Total Debits \$116.50

## Cr.

Total Remittances to Treasurer

Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1954

\$69.50	47.00
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Total Credits	\$116.50

## Dr.

Levy of 1951:

Uncollected Yield Tax, Jan. 1, 1954

\$28.00



Total Remittances to Treasurer	25.00
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1954	<u>\$3.00</u>

*State Head Tax*

Dr.

Committed to Collector—Levy of 1954:

Original Warrant	\$1,710.00
Added Taxes	45.00
Total Commitment	<u>\$1,755.00</u>
Penalties Collected	9.00

Total Debits	<u>\$1,764.00</u>
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Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$1,600.00
Penalties	9.00
Abatements	70.00
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1954	85.00
Total Credits	<u>\$1,764.00</u>

Dr.

Levy of 1953:

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1954	\$115.00
Added Taxes during year	5.00
Penalties Collected	7.00
Total Debits	<u>\$127.00</u>

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer during year:

Head Taxes	\$75.00
Penalties	7.00
Abatements during year	25.00
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1954	20.00
Total Credits	<u>\$127.00</u>

Dr.

Levy of 1952:

Added Tax during year	\$5.00
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Remittance to Treasurer			\$5.00

*Tax Sales Account*

	Dr.			
	1954	1953	1952	1951
Taxes Sold to Town				
During Year	\$2,026.25			
Unredeemed, 1/1/'54		\$1,029.05	\$656.13	\$133.06
Interest Collected		16.34	83.71	17.07
Redemption Costs		2.22		
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Total Debits	\$2,026.25	\$1,047.61	\$739.84	\$150.13
	Cr.			
Remittances to Treas.				
Taxes		\$678.68	\$626.33	\$133.06
Interest		16.34	83.71	17.07
Redemption Costs		2.22		
Abatements		3.86		
Unredeemed,				
12/31/'54	\$2,026.25	346.51	29.80	
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Total Credits	\$2,026.25	\$1,047.61	\$739.84	\$150.13

I hereby certify that the above Tax Lists and Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1954 are correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

HARRY B. TUTTLE,

*Tax Collector.*

**REPORT OF AUDITORS**

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This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Trustees of Trust Funds, Trustees of Todd Poor Fund and Library Trustees for the year ending December 31, 1954, and find them correctly cast with vouchers.

GLADYS R. DYKE,

PHILO A. HUTCHESON,

*Auditors.*

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*William C. Todd Fund*

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953	\$1,165.11
Interest added Feb. 9, 1954	50.22
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Balance on hand Feb. 9, 1954	\$1,215.33

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954	\$18,099.97	
Notes Haverhill National Bank	2,487.36	
Notes, Haverhill National Bank		
Fire Truck	6,000.00	
Credit, Haverhill National Bank	4.75	
Refund, Tr. Ins. Co.	108.60	
Head Tax Return	8.38	
Social Security	4.65	
O.A.A. Recovery	61.75	
Revolver Permits	4.50	
Fee to File	7.00	
Tel. Toll Calls	6.10	
Forest Fire Share	50.15	
Pressey Estate	260.99	
Angle Pond Firemen	550.00	
Pine Tree Blister	.70	
Dog Licenses	396.00	
Bicycle Licenses	27.50	
State of N. H., Sav. Bank Tax	3.59	
R.R. Tax	5.94	
Int. & Div. Tax	1,168.68	
Auto Permits	2,518.85	
	<hr/>	\$31,775.46

#### Tax Collector, Harry B. Tuttle:

Yield 1951	\$25.00	
	<hr/>	\$25.00
Poll 1952	\$2.00	
Head	5.00	
Interest	2.90	
	<hr/>	\$9.90
Poll 1953	\$28.00	

## TOWN OF ATKINSON

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Property	257.00	
Head	75.00	
Yield	64.60	
Penalty	7.00	
Summons	2.60	
Interest	1.30	
Notices	2.22	
	<hr/>	\$437.72
Poll 1954	\$520.00	
Property	40,661.55	
Head	1,600.00	
Yield	35.02	
Penalty	9.00	
Interest	15.25	
Summons	19.60	
	<hr/>	\$42,860.42
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		\$43,333.04
Redeemed Tax Sales :		
1951	\$133.06	
1952	626.33	
1953	678.68	
	<hr/>	\$1,438.07
Interest		117.12
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		\$1,555.19
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Total		\$76,663.69
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid		53,509.03
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954		\$23,154.66

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH L. SAWYER,

*Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.*

## DETAILED STATEMENT

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### *Town Officers' Salaries*

Philo Hutcheson, Auditor	\$25.40	
Harlon C. Dyke	25.00	
Ruth L. Sawyer, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer	228.78	
Warren E. Kolb	170.92	
Ernest R. Scott	175.00	
George W. White	350.00	
Harry B. Tuttle, Tax Collector	469.70	
	<hr/>	\$1,444.80

### *Town Officers' Expenses*

Ruth L. Sawyer, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, Auto Permits	\$201.50
Supplies	25.69
Dog Licenses	12.40
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	57.11
Misc. Charges	14.29
Haverhill Gazette	3.80
Stanley P. Johnson	10.00
D. J. Casey Paper Co.	16.17
Association of Assessors	3.00
Edson C. Eastman	25.80
Robert Griffin:	
Trip to Tax Commission—1953	7.50
Perambulating Salem Line	10.00
Wheeler & Clark	15.64
Record Publishing Co.	432.50
University Publishing Co.	1.50
John W. A. Green	26.10
Daniel W. Stewart:	
Road Meeting	10.00
Toll Calls, Highway Dept.	5.02

## TOWN OF ATKINSON

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New England Tax Collectors' Ass'n.	3.00	
Donald Nye, Postage a/c Tax Collector	37.74	
J. C. Hall Co.	4.10	
B. S. Swan	10.00	
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide	7.50	
Harry B. Tuttle, Assessors Meeting	7.00	
Town Clerks' Ass'n.	2.00	
Sargent Bros.	14.55	
Wilbur R. Moody, Toll Calls	10.36	
H. E. Tuck & Son	1.50	
Philip McKenna	5.00	
George W. White:		
Trip to Concord & Portsmouth	23.20	
Trip to Portsmouth & Exeter	21.00	
Trip to Portsmouth & Exeter	7.95	
Trip to Portsmouth & Toll Calls	9.15	
2 Trips to Portsmouth & Toll Calls	15.76	
Trip to Concord & Portsmouth & Toll Calls	24.40	
Checking Lumber Operations with Mr. Mace	11.00	
Trip to Exeter, Tax Meeting	7.50	
Ernest R. Scott:		
Perambulating Salem Line (1953)	10.00	
Trip to Concord, Tax Commission	10.00	
Trip to Exeter, Tax Meeting	7.50	
2 Trips to Concord & Use of Car, Tax Commission	26.60	
Warren E. Kolb:		
Trip to Exeter & Use of Car, Tax Meeting	10.00	
Use of Car, Assessing	35.00	
2 Trips to Concord, Use of Car & Postage	28.92	
		\$1,228.75
See under Health		15.43
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		\$1,244.18

*Election and Registration*

Annie S. Nason	\$9.80	
Flora Currier	14.70	
Mildred V. Illsley	14.70	
Ethlyn McKenna	15.00	
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	2.40	
Etta Nye	14.70	
Gladys Wood	14.70	
Florence Scott (1953)	5.00	
Harry B. Tuttle	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$103.00

*Police Department*

Shoe City Hardware	\$6.00	
Wood Press	18.50	
Malcolm C. Noyes	68.60	
Warren E. Kolb	29.40	
Wilbur R. Moody	208.97	
Harry B. Tuttle	15.78	
Fred Bishop	4.90	
Wilfred C. Senter	44.10	
	<hr/>	\$396.25

*Health*

Frank B. Nay, Vital Statistics	\$0.90	
Ruth L. Sawyer, Vital Statistics	15.43	
	<hr/>	\$16.33

*Insurance of Town Employees*

Arthur H. Sawyer	\$173.96
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*Fire Department*

K. H. Duston, Oil	\$107.75
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	18.52
Church's Service Station	64.26
Senter Brothers	40.00
Smith Fire Equipment Co.	294.70
American Fire Equipment Co.	7.24
Eastern Fire Equipment Co.	12.29
Clarence Kinney	15.05
Massachusetts Bonding Co.	82.80



Burns Auto Supply	9.98	
K. H. Hurteau	76.70	
Demers Plate Glass	1.02	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel., Red Network	253.50	
	<hr/>	\$983.81

*General Expenses of Highway Department*

Clarence W. Kinney	\$71.75	
Ernest R. Scott, Light for Sand Pile	5.81	
R. C. Haseltine Co.	113.33	
Porter Brothers	1.00	
Rush-A-Service	10.00	
Haverhill Hardware	5.17	
Calvert Farm Equipment	7.70	
A. L. Moore Hardware	3.00	
Modern Paint Co.	6.25	
Ray Road Equipment C.	46.20	
	<hr/>	\$270.21

*Moth Extermination*

Rockingham Tree Service	\$250.00
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*Elm Tree Removal*

Rockingham Tree Service	50.00
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*Street Lighting*

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	\$825.53
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*Library*

Anita Hamilton, Treasurer	\$500.00
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*Town Poor*

Olive Roxbury	\$586.00
John Duston	16.00
Pentucket Shoe Co.	10.95
County Hospital	689.50
Westville Market	75.00
Rockingham County Commissioners	126.65
George W. White:	
4 Trips to Exeter for Surplus Com-	
modities	24.00

R. E. Webber	44.00	
Mrs. Walter Purington	140.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,712.10

*Old Age Assistance*

State of New Hampshire	\$1,648.53
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*Schools*

Atkinson School District	\$17,127.17
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*Memorial Day*

Flag Shop	\$147.00	
George Rollins	94.20	
Felt Crafters	21.55	
Flora Currier	50.00	
C. Leary & Co.	6.56	
Wason-MacDonald Co.	11.32	
	<hr/>	\$330.63

*Selectmen's Special*

Ernest R. Scott, Covering Academy		
Windows & Labor	\$9.00	
George W. White, Covering Academy		
Windows & Labor	9.00	
George W. White, Looking up Mortgages,		
Exeter (Tax Sale)	6.66	
Stanley Snow	42.50	
D. L. Garrison, Truck Guide	7.00	
Edson C. Eastman	15.45	
Donald Nye	4.00	
Arthur H. Sawyer	116.53	
Howard Galley, Repairs to Adding Mach.	22.50	
Flag Shop, Flag and Case	82.45	
Wheeler & Clark	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$335.09

*Dump*

Daniel W. Stewart	\$113.87	
Armstrong Construction	10.00	
Edna Wright	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$273.87

*Town Maintenance*

## Winter :

Daniel W. Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	\$1,240.75	
Haverhill Hardware	248.59	
Clarence W. Kinney	30.30	
	<hr/>	\$1,519.64

## Summer :

Haverhill Chain Link Fence Co.	\$20.00	
Rock Asphalt	119.22	
Daniel W. Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	692.82	
	<hr/>	\$832.04

*Parks and Playgrounds*

Daniel W. Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	\$19.60
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*Cemeteries*

Daniel W. Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	\$360.06	
Haverhill Hardware	5.70	
Calvert Equipment Co.	11.25	
	<hr/>	\$377.01

*Dog Damage and Legal Expenses*

Eugene E. Currier, Hens Killed by Dogs	\$18.00	
Forrest Currier, Hens Killed by Dogs	20.00	
Grinnell & Grinnell, Legal Fees	21.25	
	<hr/>	\$59.25

*Interest*

Haverhill National Bank:		
Anticipation of Taxes Note	\$12.50	
First National Bank, Derry, N. H.:		
Note 95, Island Pond Road	12.50	
	<hr/>	\$25.00

*Forest Fires*

Austin B. Wason, Warden	\$82.81
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*Gravel Dirt Roads*

Daniel W. Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	\$184.70
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*Resurface Tar Roads*

Daniel W. Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	\$1,080.57
Trimount Bituminous Products	906.46

Rock Asphalt	868.63	
	<hr/>	\$2,855.66
<i>Loans</i>		
First National Bank, Derry, N. H.:		
Note 95	\$1000.00	
Haverhill National Bank, Haverhill, Mass.:		
Anticipation of Taxes	2,500.00	
Notes—Fire Truck	6,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,500.00
<i>Repairing Culverts</i>		
Daniel W. Stewart	\$63.23	
D. D. Chase Lumber Co.	28.65	
	<hr/>	\$90.88
<i>Head Tax</i>		
State of N. H., 1952	\$5.00	
State of N. H., 1953	127.00	
State of N. H., 1954	1,764.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,896.00
<i>County Tax</i>		
Earl Stockbridge		\$2,259.23
<i>Tax Sale</i>		
Harry B. Tuttle		\$2,026.25
<i>Town Road Aid</i>		
State of New Hampshire		\$180.44
<i>Town Hall and Other Buildings</i>		
Grange Hall Committee, Rent		\$400.00
<i>Cutting Brush and Mowing Grass</i>		
Daniel W. Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	\$265.75	
Albert E. Hoyt	49.00	
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	3.36	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	23.65	
	<hr/>	\$341.76
<i>Hurricane Damage</i>		
Rockingham Tree Service	\$126.10	
Daniel W. Stewart	1,456.75	
Haverhill Hardware	9.65	
Rock Asphalt Corp.	83.33	
	<hr/>	\$1,675.83

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1954

TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION											
Date of Creation		HOW INVESTED									
These Funds are all Cemetery Funds											
						Amount of Principal	Balance of Income Beginning of Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income End of Year
1912 Aug. 1		Caroline Upton Cemetery Fund Donor, Caroline Upton	133944	Manchester Sav. Bank		\$100.00	\$1.32	3	\$3.58	\$3.50	\$1.40
1912 Oct. 16		Mary M. Tolman Cemetery Fund Donor, Mary M. Tolman	134649	Manchester Sav. Bank		100.00	47.35	3	5.19	8.00	44.54
1927 June 30		Susan E. Page Cemetery Fund Donor, Susan E. Page	147260	Manchester Sav. Bank		400.00	5.33	3	14.30	12.50	7.13
1930 July 7		Moses B. Stevens Cemetery Fund Donors, Frank E. Emerson, Minnie E. Emerson	156040	Manchester Sav. Bank		200.00	6.62	3	7.29	6.50	7.41
1941 May 5		Tilton and Gentis Cemetery Fund Donors, Susie Freke and Kenneth Gentis	181108	Manchester Sav. Bank		150.00	7.42	3	5.55	6.00	6.97
1944 May 22		Samuel Smith Cemetery Fund Donor, Estate Mary Brennan	186539	Manchester Sav. Bank		100.00	.87	3	3.54	3.25	1.16
1949 Feb. 7		Ada Whittaker Cemetery Fund Donor, Ada Whittaker	197649	Manchester Sav. Bank		150.00	3.54	3	5.41	5.00	3.95

1949	Mar. 15	Carlisle B. Mason Cemetery Fund	197781						
		Donor, Carlisle B. Mason	Manchester Sav. Bank	160.00	4.33	3	5.79	5.50	4.62
1949	Mar. 22	James P. Lucy Cemetery Fund	197843						
		Donor Gladys M. Lucy	Manchester Sav. Bank	150.00	3.54	3	5.41	5.00	3.95
1949	May 27	Edgar F. Shannon Cemetery Fund	198104						
		Donor, Estate Edgar F. Shannon	Manchester Sav. Bank	100.00	.82	3	3.54	3.25	1.11
1950	Jan. 30	Minna F. Weeks Cemetery Fund	199230						
		Donor, Minna F. Weeks	Manchester Sav. Bank	200.00	2.32	3	7.13	7.50	1.95
1904	July 14	William C. Todd Cemetery Fund	154013						
		Donor, William C. Todd	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	250.00	282.79	3	16.08	26.00	272.87
1908	Mar. 16	Sarah E. Knight Cemetery Fund	154743						
		Donor, Sarah E. Knight	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	79.55	3	5.42	11.00	73.97
1928	Nov. 27	William B. Thomas Cemetery Fund	172937						
		Donor, William B. Thomas	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	11.52	3	3.37	5.00	9.89
1934	Jan. 29	Elizabeth C. Clark Cemetery Fund	200115						
		Donor, Susan M. Clark	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	1,000.00	126.71	3	34.04	36.00	124.75
1933	May 14	Paul and Elizabeth Heald Cemetery Fund, Donor, John Heald	206282						
			Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	44.78	3	7.38	9.00	43.16
1935	Dec. 16	Mary G. Marble Cemetery Fund	208725						
		Donor, Lawrence Y. W. C. A.	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	43.55	3	7.36	8.00	42.91
1936	Sept. 24	J. M. Goodrich Cemetery Fund	211807						
		Donor, J. M. Goodrich	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	150.00	14.15	3	4.95	6.00	13.10
1937	June 1	Sawyer and Cross Cemetery Fund	214673						
		Donors, Arthur H. Sawyer, Clifford Sawyer, E. E. Sawyer, Mary Cross, Herbert N. Sawyer	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	1.16	3	6.08	6.00	1.24

1938	May	16	D. E. and Cora I. Bartlett Cemetery Fund, Donor, Cora I. Bartlett	218418	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	2.80	3	6.11	6.50	2.41
1939	Aug.	19	Emma F. Greenough Cemetery Fund Donor, Emma F. Greenough	223118	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	.96	3	3.03	3.25	.74
1943	May	17	Geo. M. Wason Cemetery Fund Donor, Geo. M. Wason	235275	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	300.00	21.09	3	9.70	11.00	19.79
1946	May	25	George P. Dow Cemetery Fund Donor, Dr. Farley	247642	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	500.00	34.34	3	16.14	25.00	25.48
1946	Sept.	3	Cyrus Dinsmore Cemetery Fund Donor, Cyrus Dinsmore	248859	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	300.00	12.23	3	9.42	10.00	11.65
1947	July	28	Ida M. Perkins Cemetery Fund, Donor, Ida M. Perkins	252415	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	.49	3	3.02	3.00	.51
1952	Mar.	1	Paul A. Rich Cemetery Fund Donor, Paul A. Rich	269385	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	3.11	3	3.11	3.00	3.22
1952	May	23	Greenleaf Clarke Cemetery Fund Donor, Mrs. Asher Arnold	1 Share Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. Div. 273062							
						Amoskeag Sav. Bank	11.91		9.34	9.00	12.25
						\$5,610.00	\$774.60		\$211.28	\$243.75	\$742.13

ARTHUR H. SAWYER  
BENJAMIN C. WOOD  
GLADYS N. JAMES

*Trustees*

## VITAL STATISTICS

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### *Births*

January 15, 1954. Joyce Evelyn Rockwell. Parents: David J. Rockwell and Doris M. (Clark) Rockwell.

March 8, 1954. Joanne Weeks. Parents: Walter J. Weeks and Marion E. (Pettengill) Weeks.

May 23, 1954. Larry Philip Barnum. Parents: Raymond E. Barnum and Edna F. (Senter) Barnum.

August 30, 1954. John Robert Stewart. Parents: Daniel W. Stewart and Bette A. (Killey) Stewart.

August 22, 1954. Mary Elena Consentino. Parents: Albert B. Consentino and Gloria (Leveille) Consentino.

September 3, 1954. Ruth Noyes. Parents: Malcolm C. Noyes and Sylvia (Little) Noyes.

November 9, 1954. Benton Michael White. Parents: Robert B. White and Jean D. (Dampousse) White.

November 9, 1954. Kristina Louise Kolb. Parents: Earle Warren Kolb and Wanda (Mercer) Kolb.

November 30, 1954. Sharon Elaine Grandmont. Parents: Theodore E. Grandmont and Shirley E. (Russell) Grandmont.

December 4, 1954. Barbara Ann Moore. Parents: Herbert J. Moore and Ann (Clement) Moore.

December 13, 1954. Joanne Marie McCarthy. Parents: Charles J. McCarthy and Joan A. (Butler) McCarthy.

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### *Marriages*

May 10, 1954. Robert B. White of Hampstead and Jean D. Dampousse of Atkinson. Married at Plaistow, N. H., by Clara B. Tilton, Justice of Peace.

May 14, 1954. William J. Wilbur of East Wakefield, N. H., and Carlene E. Fenton of Atkinson. Married at Atkinson by Rev. Theodore B. Hadley.



July 31, 1954. Bernard R. Lamb of Wallingford, Conn., and Cynthia L. Mason of Atkinson. Married at Atkinson by Rev. Theodore B. Hadley.

October 9, 1954. Leslie H. Rockwell of Atkinson and Violet E. Kirkpatrick of Brookline, Mass. Married at Atkinson by Rev. Theodore B. Hadley.

October 19, 1954. John J. Butler, Jr. of Atkinson and Veda L. Jones of Healdsburg, California. Married by Rev. J. T. Sullivan at Westville, N. H.

November 6, 1954. Anson M. Applebee of Manchester, N. H., and Nancy A. Watson of Atkinson. Married by Rev. William J. Davis at Atkinson, N. H.

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### *Deaths*

January 29, 1954. Rev. Raymond H. Huse at Atkinson. Age 73 years. Parents: John Huse and Mary Susan (Paine) Huse.

September 1, 1954. Raymond F. Smith at Haverhill, Mass. Age 69 years. Parents: Cyrus F. Smith and Abbie K. (Blake) Smith.

September 13, 1954. Harlon C. Dyke at Atkinson, N. H. Age 63 years. Parents: Archie Dyke and Ella (Hinds) Dyke.

December 7, 1954. Edgar W. Smith at Haverhill, Mass. Age 51 years. Parents: Martin Smith and Neva (Clark) Smith.

December 14, 1954. Nettie G. Sawyer at Haverhill, Mass. Age 88 years. Parents: John Pettengill and Henrietta (Nichols) Pettengill.

December 30, 1954. John T. Russ at Haverhill, Mass. Age 50 years. Parents: Wilfred W. Russ and Abbie (Wright) Russ.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE KIMBALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Trustees and Librarian met soon after Town Meeting to organize and plan our program according to State Standards.

We have been in close touch with the State Library and appreciate their cooperation. Our duties consist of taking care of current needs of the Library and building as well as planning ahead. We feel that we have done both.

As our project we tried to improve the children's corner and purchased many fine books. The State recognized our efforts and aided us with a grant of children's and reference books.

Through the generosity of the 1953 Fair Committee the World Book Encyclopedia was purchased last Fall and should be most helpful. We had a fine collection of Town Reports from 1860 through 1953 so had them bound to preserve them.

For many years the Trustees have wanted to have adequate heating in the building. Last Fall we were able to obtain a furnace with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and it has been installed. It is just one more step to make our Library more comfortable and therefore more useful.

Our Historical room has been re-decorated and we hope to furnish it soon. At that time we would welcome any exhibits of historical interest. With the restoration of the Academy and the formation of a local Historical Society we may find many items that could be displayed publicly.

The Trustees thought it advisable to be a part of the Community Fair and also assisted in the sale of old books.

As new books are so expensive we find the Bookmobile and the Service the State Library gives us to be most helpful.

We had some hurricane damage, fortunately of a minor nature. It could have been serious, but the large tree endangering the building was removed just prior to the storm. A drainage

problem in the cellar had to be taken care of and may need further attention to correct it entirely.

In the future we hope to continue to carry out some of our plans to improve the Library facilities. We are ready at all times to consider any suggestions that interested townspeople may have to improve their Library.

The Trustees feel that our Town is fortunate to retain a person as capable and experienced as our Librarian. We do appreciate what both Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have done to maintain our Library so that it compares well, to the size of our Town, with any in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE P. BARNUM, *Chairman*  
ANITA HAMILTON, *Treasurer*  
FLORENCE SCOTT, *Secretary*

*Trustees.*

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Kimball Public Library Trustees received from the Town \$500.00. Deposited in Merrimack National Bank May 3, 1954. Balance in Bank \$1.24. Total balance, \$501.24.

Expenditures for 1954 were as follows:

May 5	Personal Book Shop, Books	\$67.57
May 16	National Circulating Co., Magazines	17.00
July 7	Rush-A-Service, Book Cards	9.20
Sept. 13	Personal Book Shop, Books	141.49
Oct. 2	Personal Book Shop, Book	2.58
Oct. 6	Demers Plate Glass Co., Window glass	3.08
Oct. 6	The College Bindery, 5 Vol. Town Reports	12.50
Nov. 15	Rockingham Tree Service, Tree Removal	50.00
Dec. 30	Cross Book Shop, Books	61.16
Dec. 30	Elgin E. Reynolds, part-payment, furnace	100.00
Dec. 30	Elgin E. Reynolds, reimbursement, repair cellar drain	34.53
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		\$499.11

Service Charges on Checking Account	1.40
Total	\$500.51
Balance	\$0.73

Received by Kimball Public Library Trustees as a Gift from the 1953 Fair Committee \$250.00. Deposited in Merrimack National Bank June 16, 1954. Purchased World Book Encyclopedia, from Field Enterprises, Inc., Nov. 16, 1954 \$122.32. This leaves a balance of \$127.68.

Earned by Kimball Public Library Trustees and Librarian through sales of Old Books and Sales Table at 1954 Fair \$49.67. Deposited in Merrimack National Bank: Nov. 1, 1954, \$38.67, and Dec. 10, 1954, \$11.00. Outlay for Fair Sales Table, Sept. 28, 1954, Chick Belt Sales Co., \$1.10. This leaves a balance of \$48.57.

Balance in Merrimack National Bank totals \$176.98.

ANITA H. HAMILTON, *Treasurer*

*Kimball Public Library Trustees.*

Audited by:

GLADYS R. DYKE,  
PHILO A. HUTCHESON,

*Auditors.*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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To the Trustees of the Kimball Public Library:

The upward trend of circulation is still continuing in our Library and has been very gratifying this year. Through the co-operation of the State Library and Bookmobile, we have as usual been able to obtain supplemental reading for the Elementary and High School students as well as special requests for our readers.

Last year our bookshelves were somewhat depleted because of old and useless materials, however, the State Library has found it possible to give us aid in replacing non-fiction and children's books. Our greatest aim this year it to continue developing the "children's corner" and to make it more attractive and appealing to the young reader.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to those who have generously contributed books and magazines during the year. These gifts have in no small way helped to stimulate interest in the Library and thereby bring the circulation up to 3,112.

We have purchased a set of the World Book Encyclopedias and 204 other new books this year.

The Library is opened every Tuesday evening, 7 to 9; and Saturday, 2 to 5. We hope that you will visit your Library as often as possible.

I wish to extend my appreciation for the wonderful cooperation the Trustees have given me this year.

Respectfully submitted,

BEATRICE E. REYNOLDS,

*Librarian.*

## REPORT OF THE ATKINSON ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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We are glad to report that we have completed our first Project for the preservation of Atkinson Academy; viz, the raising of the tower to its original position and the re-shingling of the roof. This was accomplished through the earnest cooperation of the alumni and the townspeople. Our total expenditure for these repairs has amounted to \$1,822.77. We are grateful that we were able to do this work for our Alma Mater, and we hope to be of further material help in the near future.

One of our more ambitious money-raising projects is "Open House Day" planned for June 11, 1955, with Mrs. Clarence H. Birdsall as general chairman. Several homes will be opened to visitors. The Alumni Association will serve luncheon on the Academy grounds, and the Garden Club will serve afternoon tea in Mrs. Horace H. James's garden.

With the proceeds from these undertakings, and with official permission, we plan to re-decorate the interior of the Academy Building, and we are pleased that the Atkinson Women's Club has volunteered to help us with this particular project.

*Atkinson Academy Alumni Association.*

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL BOARD

of the

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATKINSON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATKINSON

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*Board of Education*

Name	Term Expires
Austin B. Wason, Chairman	1955
Kingdon H. Hamilton	1956
Martin M. Feuer	1957
Harry B. Tuttle (elected annually)	Moderator
Malcolm C. Noyes (elected annually)	District Clerk
L. Edna Wright (elected annually)	District Treasurer
Harlon C. Dyke* (elected annually)	District Auditor
Philo A. Hutcheson (elected annually)	District Auditor
Warren E. Kolb (appointed)	Truant Officer
Wanda L. Kolb (appointed)	School Census Taker
Jonathan A. Osgood	Superintendent of Schools

\*Deceased



## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Atkinson  
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said district on the tenth day of March, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriations of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for and to receive, in the name of the district,

such advances, grants-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from Federal, State, local or private agencies.

10. To transact any further business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Atkinson this twelfth day of February, 1955.

AUSTIN B. WASON,  
KINGDON H. HAMILTON,  
MARTIN M. FEUER,

*School Board.*

The Polls will be open to vote for District Officers from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. The other articles of the Warrant will be taken up at 8:30 o'clock.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Atkinson School District for the Fiscal Year beginning  
July 1, 1953, and ending June 30, 1954.

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 CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

J. A. OSGOOD,  
*Superintendent.*

AUSTIN B. WASON,  
KINGDON H. HAMILTON,  
MARTIN M. FEUER,

July 12, 1954

*School Board.*

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 RECEIPTS

State Aid		\$7,408.79
Local Taxation:		
Current Appropriation	\$16,927.17	
Special Appropriation	200.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$17,127.17
Other Sources		\$13.75
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Total Net Receipts from All Sources		\$24,549.71
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1953		\$4,064.60
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Grand Total Net Receipts		\$28,614.31
Total Net Income Plus	Total Net Payments	
Cash on Hand,	Plus Cash on Hand	
7/1/'53	6/30/'54	\$28,614.31
\$28,614.31		

Receipts from Refunds, etc.	21.29	Payments Refunded or Returned, transfers, etc.	21.29
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Total Gross Income	\$28,635.60	Total Gross Payments	\$28,635.60

## REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

for the

Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

## SUMMARY

Cash on hand July 1, 1953 (Treasurer's bank balance)		\$4,064.60
Received from Town of Atkinson:		
Current Appropriation	\$16,927.17	
Special Appropriation	200.00	
Received from State of New Hampshire	7,408.79	
Received from all Other Sources	35.04	
Total Receipts	<hr/>	\$24,571.00
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$28,635.60
Less School Board Orders Paid		<hr/> 27,753.10
Balance on hand June 30, 1954 (Treasurer's bank balance)		\$882.50
July 7, 1954	L. EDNA WRIGHT,	

*District Treasurer.*

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Atkinson, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

PHILO A. HUTCHESON,  
HARLON C. DYKE,

July 26, 1954

*Auditors.*

NOTE: In the interest of decreasing the length of this report, the listing of detailed expenditures has been omitted this year. Typewritten copies of this list will be available at the school district meeting.

*The Atkinson School Board.*

## SCHOOL YEAR 1953 - 1954

	*Share of Superintendent's Salary	Per Capita Tax*
Atkinson School District	\$270.00	\$208.00
Hampstead School District	487.35	352.00
Newton School District	383.40	302.00
Plaistow School District	752.85	602.00
Salem School District	2,606.40	2,166.00
State of New Hampshire	2,500.00	
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Total Salary	\$7,000.00	

\*Paid to the State for Supervision on the basis of \$2 per pupil on the enrollment of the previous year.

## BUDGET WORK SHEET

This is a presentation of the budget work sheet upon which your School Board is operating during 1954-55 and their proposed expenses for the year 1955-56. It must be taken into consideration that monies appropriated in the month of March, to be used the following year do not necessarily correspond in individual items, because of the impossibility of projecting the rising price indexes twelve months hence.

## THE ATKINSON SCHOOL BOARD

	Expended	Approp.	Proposed
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Salaries of District Officers	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Superintendent's Salary	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
Tax for State Supervision	270.00	279.00	283.20
Salaries of Adm. Personnel	208.00	212.00	216.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	195.08	240.74	222.30
	194.80	187.71	204.50
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>			
Salaries of Teachers and Principals	8,512.38	11,668.69	12,032.72
Books and Other Instructional Aids	228.98	275.00	384.00
Scholars' Supplies	347.79	250.00	275.00
Salaries of Clerical Assistants	100.00	100.00	100.00
Other Instructional Expenses	346.66	401.39	429.14
<b>OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT</b>			
Salaries of Janitors	599.40	600.00	600.00
Fuel or heat	555.52	600.00	600.00
Water, Light, and Other Expenses	481.69	430.00	450.00
Janitor Supplies	142.21	125.00	125.00



MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT			
Repairs and Replacements	608.49	300.00	217.36
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES			
Health Supervision	429.67	467.90	524.85
Transportation	2,607.58	2,644.00	2,644.00
Tuition	6,778.72	8,250.00	9,900.00
Special Fund Activities		50.00	25.00
FIXED CHARGES			
State Retirement	623.98	840.82	821.26
Insurance, Bonds, and Expenses	86.40	100.00	249.56
Contingency Fund		100.00	100.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Additions and Imp. to Property	274.00		
Equipment	166.46	280.68	48.85
DEBT, INTEREST AND OTHER CHARGES			
Payments of Principal of Debt	2,999.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Payments of Interest on Debt	600.00	550.00	500.00
Totals	<u>\$27,731.81</u>	<u>\$31,327.93</u>	<u>\$33,327.74</u>

## INCOME

Cash on hand	Received	Received	Estimated
From Town Appropriation	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
State Aid	\$4,064.60	\$882.50	\$400.00
Other Income	17,127.17	24,538.16	27,020.47
	7,408.79	5,907.27	5,907.27
	13.75		
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Total Income	\$28,614.31	\$31,327.93	\$33,327.74

## BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1954

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash on hand June 30, 1954	\$882.50	Notes and Bonds Outstanding	\$23,000.00
Total Assets	\$882.50	Total Liabilities	\$23,000.00
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	\$22,117.50		
Grand Total	\$23,000.00	Grand Total	\$23,000.00

## STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

	Rockwell School	Total
Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$25,999.00	\$25,999.00
Payments of Principal of Debt	2,999.00	2,999.00
Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00

## MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

March 11, 1955

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the moderator, Harry B. Tuttle, who, after reading the warrant, declared the polls to be open. The polls were closed at 8:32 P.M. Immediately following, the ballots were counted, and the following officers were declared elected:

Moderator for one year	Harry B. Tuttle
Clerk for one year	Malcolm C. Noyes
Member of the School Board for three years	Martin M. Feuer
Treasurer for one year	Lillian E. Wright
Auditor for one year	Harlon C. Dyke
Auditor for one year	Philo A. Hutcheson

Under Article 5—On motion duly made and seconded, the following salaries and compensations were fixed and determined:

### School Board Members:

Chairman	\$125.00
Member	100.00
Member	100.00
Truant Officer	20.00
Census Taker	25.00
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	5.00
Treasurer	30.00
Auditor	5.00
Auditor	5.00
	\$420.00

Under Article 6—On motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED: to approve the annual report of the School Board as printed.

Under Article 8—A motion was duly made and seconded that the school district raise and appropriate \$31,327.93 and authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board exclusive of state aid, and upon determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes. An amendment was duly offered and seconded that each item in the school board's budget be discussed and approved separately. Both the motion and the amendment were voted in the affirmative. Each item in the budget was discussed and approved by vote, and the above total remained unchanged.

Under Article 9—A motion, relative to grants-in-aid, etc., was voted in the affirmative.

At the invitation of the School Board and with the consent of the voters present, Superintendent Osgood made a few remarks relative to education in Atkinson.

10:05 P.M. On motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED: to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM C. NOYES,

*Clerk.*

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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February 1, 1955

To the School Board and Citizens of Atkinson:

This, my Fifth Annual Report as Superintendent of Schools in Atkinson, deals briefly with the following subjects: Personnel, School Buildings and Enrollment, Curriculum and Teaching Aids, Health, and Finances.

Mr. Yeaton's report includes an account of many of the more detailed activities of the school.

**PERSONNEL:** The children of Atkinson are fortunate to have the continued excellent leadership of Principal Charles Yeaton, the only teacher who returned to the Rockwell School for the current school year.

To replace Mrs. Alice Scott and Mrs. Helen Dwyer, both of whom accepted positions in Massachusetts, the school board employed Mrs. Pauline Anderson of North Reading, Mass., who attended the Farmington, Maine Teachers College, and Mrs. Frances Libby of South Groveland, Mass., who attended Gorham, Maine Normal School, and had taught Grades 3 and 4 last year in Hampton Falls, N. H.

In order that the 54 children in Grades 5-8 could be divided into smaller groups, Mr. Francis Murray of Winthrop, Mass., was employed as a fourth teacher for the current school year. Mr. Murray, a 1954 graduate of Boston University, had done practice teaching work in the fifth grade in Newton, Mass.

Miss Gwendolyn Curtis continues her excellent work as school nurse in the Atkinson, Hampstead, Newton and Plaistow school districts.

To replace Mrs. Grillo as a Music Supervisor in Atkinson, Hampstead, Plaistow, and Newton, the school boards of these districts employed Kenneth Jewett of Kingston, N. H. Mr. Jew-

ett formerly directed programs in Art and Music in the Hillsboro and Hopkinton, N. H. Supervisory Unions. He attended the New England Conservatory of Music, the Cambridge School of Art, Boston University and the University of New Hampshire.

All of the teachers belong to their local, state, and national professional teachers organizations and exert their best abilities for the benefit of the Atkinson children. All of the teachers are attempting to improve their knowledge of modern teaching procedures, techniques, and philosophies by taking additional college work as time permits. Mr. Yeaton attended the University of New Hampshire 1954 summer session. He has practically completed the Master's Degree requirements. Two of the other teachers are taking a course in the Teaching of Reading in Salem under the auspices of the Keene Teachers College at the present time, and Mr. Murray is currently taking a Saturday course at Boston University.

Mr. Merton Finnimore of Plaistow, who assumed the position as school custodian last September, strives to keep the school building in the best possible condition for the health and welfare of the children.

**SCHOOL BUILDING AND ENROLLMENT:** Your school board has continued to keep the school building in excellent repair and in order to provide necessary space for a fourth classroom, it was necessary to arrange the kitchen area for classroom purposes. In doing this, the Board installed necessary window shades, a curtain across the corridor to close off the kitchen area, and provided the necessary additional furniture, consisting of a portable chalk board, a teacher's desk, and additional classroom furniture.

After considerable study and consideration of the various aspects of patriotism, appearance, safety and durability, your school board installed a modern sturdy flagpole high on the gable of the Rockwell School, facing Academy Avenue.

The 1954 census of all children in Atkinson from birth to 19 years of age shows an average number of approximately 14 in each pre-school age group. Any appreciable change in total enrollment then, during the next few years, will be caused by people moving into or out of the community.

Transportation of school children is continuing very satisfactorily under the present contract with Robert S. Hotchkiss.

The following tabulation shows the number of high school pupils by grades attending various high schools and the high school tuition rates for the school year 1954-55.

### SCHOOLS

Grades	Woodbury High School	Sanborn Seminary	Haverhill Trade School	Haverhill High School
9	1		3	3
10		1	4	5
11	1	1	1	1
12		2	2	5
Totals	2	4	10	14
Rates	\$250	\$275	\$290	\$260

**CURRICULUM AND TEACHING AIDS:** Natalie Hopkins, our Elementary Consultant, has clearly stated the following comments in regard to tests, individualized instruction, books and special activities:

"The aim of elementary schools today—to make sure that each child develops his capacities to the fullest degree so that he will develop into the best possible citizen of tomorrow—is the objective of our teachers and is being achieved.

"Upon entering the Rockwell School, you will find big, little, fat, thin, serious and playful children. Children are not only different from each other in appearance but they vary greatly in mental ability and learning rate, in subjects which attract their interest and in the effort they will put forth. No single design will fit every child and neither will one teaching program.

"To help the teachers better understand the children and individualize their instruction, achievement tests were given to all children, except first graders in November. Strengths and



weaknesses of the pupils' academic skills in reading, language, arithmetic, science, spelling, geography and history are shown in this type test.

"To further understand the pupil, the mental maturity tests are given. The results of this test helps us to determine whether or not a child is working up to capacity.

"Once this information has been established a program for meeting the needs of each child is developed. It must be understood that our teachers are carrying out this program well with such heavy loads in the classroom.

"New text books are many and varied this year. Greatly needed reading books to supplement the basic readers are finding their way into the hands of the children as finances permit. This, however, does not mean there are sufficient number. It is important to have a variety of books in order to meet the interest and reading levels of all children. It must be understood that there may be in one classroom children who read above or below the actual grade placement from one to five years.

"We do not have as large classroom libraries as is desirable but the Bookmobile from the State Library helps to supplement our offerings.

"Varied activities such as field trips, films and creative activities, are carried on in the classrooms. These activities are not taking the place of drill on the skill subjects but are in addition to drill so that learning may be more meaningful."

HEALTH: (Included in Mr. Yeaton's Report.)

FINANCES: The American Association of School Administrators has stated that "school support in each community is geared quite directly to popular demand and usually will be obtained in adequate measure only when the public has had a legitimate share in formulating the program, determining its cost, and planning the way to finance it. If the public is given the facts, there is little reason to fear any lack of support for good schools, financially or otherwise. But it is the people's choice; they alone will decide."

Present indications of possible action by the 1955 State Legislature point toward the probability of increased state financial assistance for Atkinson in the future.

Again I wish to thank the members of the School Board, the faculty, the Atkinson Parent-Teacher Association and all others who have helped to make our work enjoyable and effective.

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN A. OSGOOD,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

The following tabulation shows the enrolment in the Rockwell School with grade assignments as of September 17, 1954:

## Enrollment and Grade Assignment

Teacher	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Pauline Anderson	20	16							36
Frances Libby			13	15					28
Francis Murray	}				19	19	8	10	56
Charles Yeaton									
Grand Total									120

## SUMMARY OF CENSUS FIGURES

Age Groups	Total 1952	Total 1953	Total 1954
Less than 1	15	10	14
1	12	12	14
2	13	15	14
3	8	14	17
4	21	10	13
5	9	20	12
6	12	12	22
7	18	13	11
8	18	17	14
9	15	15	16
10	11	16	16
11	10	12	16
12	9	7	12
13	5	7	10
14	5	5	7
15	15	3	7
16	5	15	5
17	7	3	15
18	1	7	3
Totals	209	213	238

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ROCKWELL SCHOOL

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To the School Board and to Mr. Jonathan A. Osgood, Superintendent of Schools:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to summarize for you another year's progress at Rockwell School in this, my third annual report.

During this year, there have been important changes in the teaching staff and in the class arrangement for the four upper grades. In spite of these changes, the work of the school seems to have continued with somewhat less confusion than might have been expected. The new classroom made from the kitchen area has temporarily at least eased the crowded conditions of the upper four grades. The three new teachers are proving themselves to be cooperative and eager to do their best for the children of Atkinson. We consider the continued growth of each child as a major objective. Through attendance at professional meetings, reading of educational publications, and courses taken at summer school or during the school year, we are constantly attempting to reach a better understanding of the children's needs and abilities and thereby to do our part in the development of worthwhile citizens and happy individuals. To do this we also do not intend to neglect the skills and preparation necessary for further education.

Some of the activities carried out during the last year include the following projects which have become a regular part of our school program.

1. Appropriate school observances of important holidays.
2. Participation in the community Memorial Day exercises.
3. A Christmas Program at the Grange Hall.
4. Contributions to the March of Dimes Drive, the Junior Red Cross, and the Crippled Children's Fund.

5. A pre-school clinic held in the spring for children entering school the following September.

The Rockwell School continues to supplement its library with books brought by the Bookmobile from the State Library. Children select books and teachers also take advantage of the opportunity to obtain materials pertaining to the school program in such areas as social studies and science.

Films on a wide variety of subjects are shown frequently. Particular care is taken in the selection of films to increase understanding of some phase of regular work or to bring the children information concerning health problems or other pertinent topics.

The school health program has again been ably carried on under the supervision of our nurse-teacher, Miss Gwendolyn Curtis. Some of these health services have included:

1. Medical examinations for grades one, three, five, and seven.
2. Vision, hearing and color perception tests.
3. Pre-school immunization clinic.
4. Home visits
5. Health talks

The new music supervisor, Mr. Kenneth Jewett, spends one-half day each week at our school. He carries on a varied music program of instruction in the fundamentals of music reading, music appreciation, dancing and singing for enjoyment. In art the program is also varied with an emphasis on bringing out the creative talents of each child. Many parents had an opportunity to see Mr. Jewett's classes at Parents' Day last November.

Graduation exercises were held for six eighth grade pupils last June. New Hampshire was chosen as the theme for graduation essays. At these exercises Kenneth Mackie was presented the Good Citizenship Medal given by the Sons of the American Revolution. In the essay contest sponsored by the Plaistow American Legion for eighth grade pupils of Atkinson and surrounding towns, Rockwell School pupils won the two top awards. Linda Radulski was awarded the medal while Claire Damphousse won first honorable mention. This was the fourth time in five years that Atkinson pupils have placed first in this contest.

Parent interest and cooperation in the affairs of the school during the last year has been outstanding. Parents' Day, annually held during American Education Week, was well attended. The list of P. T. A. projects is impressive. For the children of the lower grades a slide was purchased for the playground. A program which provides weekly transportation for boys of grades five through eight to the Y. M. C. A. in Haverhill has been instituted. The P. T. A. also pays half of the boys' membership fees. The whole school was taken to Benson's Wild Animal Farm last spring. As in the past, the P. T. A. has also sponsored and assisted in carrying out an immunization clinic for pre-school children and has contributed to the school milk program.

To conclude, may I express my sincere appreciation to all who through their active assistance and constant interest in the affairs of Rockwell School have made the past year an effective and enjoyable one.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES B. YEATON,

*Principal.*



